

LSEE Research Network on Social Cohesion

Regional Workshop

Barriers to Inclusive Growth in the Western Balkans

Venue: Hotel Maestral, Miločer, Montenegro
21-22 September 2015

Day 1: Monday 21 September

09.15-09.30 / OPENING OF WORKSHOP: Jadranka Kaluđerović (ISSP, Podgorica), Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE, London), H.E. Ian Whitting OBE (UK Ambassador to Montenegro).

09.30-11.00 / SESSION 1: POLICIES FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Chair: Will Bartlett (LSEE)

Social policy challenges and strategic priorities in the EU candidate countries

Maja Gerovska Mitev (Faculty of Philosophy, Skopje)

The potential and limits of social media communities in Croatia

Mladen Pupovac (University of Nottingham)

The role of institutions in building social cohesion – case of Serbia

Žarko Šunderić (Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit, Government of Serbia)

11.00-11.30 / Coffee

11.30-13.00 / SESSION 2: SOCIAL PROTECTION

Chair: Milica Uvalić (University of Perugia)

Improving the social safety net in Serbia: new estimates of benefits' performance indicators and policy proposals to reduce child poverty

Jelena Žarković Rakić (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics) – paper co-authored with Gorana Krstić, Saša Ranđelović, Marko Vladisavljević

Domestic violence in Albania

Evis Garunja (Centre for Legal Civic Initiatives, Tirana)

The Role of Social Entrepreneurship in Fostering Social Inclusion – case of Serbia

Marija Džunić, Jelena Stanković & Vesna Janković-Milić (University of Niš)

13.00-14.00 / Buffet lunch

14.00-16.00 / SESSION 3: LABOUR MARKETS AND MISMATCH

Chair: Mihail Arandarenko (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics)

Jobs as the engine of shared prosperity in Europe and Central Asia

Giorgia Demarchi (World Bank) – paper co-authored with María E. Dávalos, Barbara Kits, Isil Oral, Patti Petesch and Indhira Santos

Possibilities for correcting jobless growth

Jovan Pejkovski (Faculty of Philosophy, Skopje)

What determines female labour force participation in Kosovo?

Ardiana Gashi (University of Pristina)

Mismatch on the labour market in Montenegro

Vojin Golubovic (ISSP, Podgorica)

16.00-16.30 / Coffee

16.30-17.30 / ROUND TABLE OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF LSEE RESEARCH NETWORK

The first 30min will be dedicated to group work:

Working Group 1 – Employment

Chair: Mihail Arandarenko

Working Group 2 – Social Protection

Chair: Merita Xhumari

Working Group 3 – Education

Chair: Jadranka Kaluđerović

Chair: Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE)

Panellists:

- *Mihail Arandarenko (University of Belgrade)*
- *Merita Xhumari (University of Tirana)*
- *Nermin Oruč (Impaq International)*
- *Ardiana Gashi (University of Pristina)*
- *Jovan Pejkovski (University of Ss Cyril and Methodius, Skopje)*
- *Jadranka Kaludjerović (ISSP, Podgorica)*
- *Tena Prelec (LSEE)*

19.00-20.30 / Workshop Dinner

Day 2: Tuesday 22 September

9.30-11.00 / SESSION 4: DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL SERVICES

Chair: Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE)

Fiscal decentralisation in Serbia from 2000 to 2015

Katarina Djulić and Sanja Kmezić (EURAK, Belgrade)

Decentralisation in Montenegro – legal and fiscal analysis

Jadranka Kaludjerović (ISSP, Podgorica) and Mijat Jocović (Faculty of Economics, University of Montenegro)

The new administrative territorial reform in Albania and its impact on service delivery

Eltjana Shkreli (University 'Luigj Gurakuqi', Shkoder)

11.00-11.30 / Coffee

11.30-13.00 / SESSION 5: UNEMPLOYMENT AND MISMATCH

Chair: Nermin Oruč (Impaq International)

An outline for the political economy of unemployment in the Western Balkans

Mihail Arandarenko (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics)

Challenges of unemployed with higher education in the labour market

Merita Xhumari (Department of Political Sciences, University of Tirana)

13.00-14.00 / Buffet lunch

14.00-15.30 / SESSION 6: INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Chair: Will Bartlett (LSEE)

Exploring the factors of happiness of secondary school students in Bosnia

Nermin Oruč (Impaq International)

The effectiveness of transitions to work measures in vocational education and training in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Nina Branković and Nermin Oruč (Sarajevo)

What drives students' enrolment decisions?

Jadranka Kaludjerović and Milika Mirković (ISSP, Podgorica)

15.30 / End of Workshop